Tapping of Capital Market by IA

639. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had permitted Indian Airlines to tap capital market to explore and augment its resources to take it out of the red; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the steps since taken by Indian Airlines in this direction and how far the financial position of IA has since improved?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Improvement of Civil Aviation in NE Region

640. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of salient observations made in the Task Force Report on improvement of Civil Aviation amenities in the North-East region;

(b) the details of action taken so far on various recommendations of the task force;

(c) whether no provision of aero-bridges and Central Air-conditioning facilities in the newly constructed terminal building at Guwahati airport was made; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The Task Force has, *inter-alia*, recommended improvement of infrastructure, navigational aids, approach roads to airports and provision of Night Landing Facilities etc. at Agartala, Dibrugarh, Imphal, Lilabari, Tezpur, Shillong, Guwahati and Jorhat airports in the North Eastern region.

(b) The recommendations have been sent to all concerned including the State Governments and follow-up action is being monitored.